# **Brentwood Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes Meeting on January 11, 2023**

Members present: Andy Laroche, Bob Stephens, Lise McNaughton, and Brian Silva

Alternate members present: Becky Dunham, and Matt Lipinski

Public: Debbie Briscoe

Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:35

- 1. Silva made a motion to appoint both Dunham & Lipinski to voting, seconded by Laroche, approved 4-0.
- 2. Lipinski made a motion to approve minutes of the Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022's meeting, seconded by Dunham. Approved unanimously as amended
- 3. Briscoe was looking for an update on the signage for the trails. The signage was approved and needs to be brought to the Select Board.
- 4. Split Rock Trail
  - a. Briscoe had some concerns about the size of the mower that is used in the cemetery.
  - b. Split Rock paths, including field perimeters, will be mowed 3 to 4 times a year. Fields will be less frequent. They will be mowed alternating years.
  - c. Cemeteries has a mower that Con Comm can use for mowing the fields and paths. Con Comm will go look at the mower and see if it meets the requirements that we need.
  - d. The Select Board mentioned, if we have the equipment, Brentwood could pay a person from DPW to do the mowing.

#### 5. Goals:

- a. Dunham asked if there was a list of goals that we can review.
  - i. Charter for the Conservation Commission
  - ii. Prioritizing open spaces in town.
  - iii. Revisions to the handbook.
  - iv. Members and Alternates
  - v. Town and conservation files. They were moved to a public place to be viewed.
  - vi. Bulleting Board. Keep up to date.
  - vii. Representation on town meetings.
- b. Stephens received a report from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee and distributed to Conservation Commissioners by email.

### 6. Property Reviews

- a. McNaughton has completed all the property reviews that required reports to third party entities.
- b. McNaughton has two more properties that require a report just for town records.
- c. Lipinski, Purpose of walking these properties? Answer: to see that easement is met.
- d. McNaughton has reviewed 6 properties.
- e. There are some larger properties that still require a walk but don't require a report.
- f. McNaughton to create an operating manual for monitoring properties.

#### 7. Bills & Reimbursement

- a. None.
- 8. Budget: Nothing

#### 9. Other Business

## a. Compost:

- i. The group promoting the Town composting has not attended a conservation committee meeting despite it beijng on agenda for months.
- ii. Dunham is pulling together an article in Brentwood about composting and education on personal composting.
- iii. Dunham asked about putting a map in the Brentwood Newsletter. The map was done in 2008 and with a grant, and is a bit out of date.

#### b. Con Comm Membership.

- i. Stephens, McNaughton, Laroche, Dunham and Nishina's term expire in 2023.
- ii. Laroche will continue for one more year. McNaughton will serve another three-year term. Lipinski to take over Nishina's term as member and renew ffor a two-year term. Nishina will become an alternate member for a three-year term. Stephens will serve a 2 year-term. Silva's term expires in 2024. Dunham will remain an alternate with a three-year term.
- 10. Motion to adjourn to Non-Public for all applicable reasons under Nh Statute by Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunham., roll-call vote was unanimous: Laroche Y, McNaughton Y, Silva Y, Young Y, Stephens Y